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SUBJ: NICARAGUAN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION REPORT

1. AT BEHEST OF EX-PRESIDENT CALDERA OF VENEZUELA, ASST SEC TOD-MAN MET WITH NICARAGUANS EDUARDO RIVAS AND ROGER MIRANDA AT EMBASSY 9 MAY. THE TWO LAWYERS DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS SOCIAL CHRISTIAN LEADERS. OBJECTIVE OF MEETING WAS TO PRESENT TO ASST SEC A REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA COVERING PERIOD APRIL 1977 - FEBRUARY 1978 PREPARED BY THE "PERMANENT COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA".

2. IN THANKING RIVAS AND MIRANDA FOR DELIVERING REPORT TO HIM, ASST SEC NOTED OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA AND SAID THAT STATE DEPARTMENT WILL ASK EMBASSY MANAGUA TO LOOK INTO INCIDENTS DESCRIBED AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. MIRANDA AND RIVAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EMBASSY MANAGUA HAD ALREADY RECEIVED COPY OF REPORT.

3. IN DISCUSSION ABOUT NICARAGUAN SITUATION, MIRANDA AND RIVAS MADE ALL THE USUAL OBSERVATIONS ABOUT US ROLE IN NICARAGUA. THEY WERE FIRM IN THEIR ASSERTION THAT SOMOZA MUST LEAVE POWER, BUT STATED THAT THEY VIEWED WITH FAVOR A TRANSITION PERIOD DURING WHICH SOME LIBERAL

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PARTY FIGURE ACCEPTABLE TO SOMOZA (SUCH AS BRENNER) COULD ASSUME PRESIDENCY.

4. ASST SEC REITERATED OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA, OUR DESIRE FOR IAHRG TO VISIT NICARAGUA SOONEST, AND OUR POLICY THAT INTERNAL POLITICAL MATTERS IN NICARAGUA MUST BE RESOLVED BY NICARAGUANS.

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